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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : KRÜGER et al.
 Serial No. : 10/079,604
 Confirm. No. : 7284
 Filed : February 20, 2002
 For : CLEARING MODES OF....
 Art Unit : 3743
 Examiner : Andrea M. Ragonese
 Dated : July 12, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

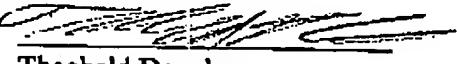
Sir:

The Office Action dated March 24, 2005 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired June 24, 2005.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant attaches a Credit Card Payment Form and respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$120.00 (fee code 1251).

Respectfully submitted
 for Applicant(s),

By: 

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.